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[Gen 17:4-5 NASB95] 4 "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, And you will be the father of a multitude of nations. 5 "No longer shall your name be called Abram, But your name shall be Abraham; For I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

[Rom 4:17 NASB95] 17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, [even] God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.

- Pygmalion Effect leader often gets what they expect when they communicate it. Communication of expectations is a powerful tool.
 - Nursing home patients improve with placebo and positive nurses.
 - Students selected at random "blooms" when treated as a "bloomer."
 - Israeli would select at random soldiers and told they were superior and outperformed though nothing different.
- Our speaking must come into line with the new things God is doing.
- Abram=no baby. New name (Abraham)=new baby. God changed the way Abraham spoke about himself to experience the blessing God promised.

How does our speaking affect our experience in the blessing?

Here are three truths about how our speaking affects our experience of the blessing.

I. Our speaking is a birth to our experience of the blessing.

- a. Abraham (Sarah) birthed Isaac by faith speaking.
- b. [Mar 11:22-24 NASB95] 22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God. 23 "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. 24 "Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be [granted] you.
- c. Your speaking sets the stage for your blessing.

II. Our speaking is the first action for us to experience the blessing.

- a. The effect had to be specific. Not "you do your best" but I believe you can get an "A".
 - i. Be very specific [Luk 17:6 NASB] 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you.
- b. [Mat 9:21 NASB95] 21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch His garment, I will get well."
- c. What you say in yourself and about yourself will often be the first action of faith.

III. Our speaking is vital to experiencing the blessing.

- a. Why was it important for God to change Abram's name to Abraham?
- b. [Pro 18:20-21 NASB95] 20 With the fruit of a man's mouth his stomach will be satisfied; He will be satisfied [with] the product of his lips. 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.
- c. Death and life the most important aspects of life. Your words are vital to obtaining the life of blessing God has for you.
- God wants our speaking to get into line with the blessing He wants us to experience.

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• I am righteous (Tsidkenu), I am healed (Rapha), I have sufficiency and abundance (Jireh), I am victorious (Nissi), I am at peace (Shalom), I am lead by the Spirit and am filled with His the knowledge of His Will (Rohi), God is with (Shammah.)